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SUBJECT: 32ND UNGA, SECOND COMMITTEE AND PLENARY - ACTION  
ON SPECIAL MEASURES IN FAVOR OF LDC'S, AND SPECIFIC  
ACTION IN FAVOR OF LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

1. SUMMARY: ON DECEMBER 14 SECOND COMMITTEE PASSED RESOLUTION  
A/C.2/32/L.82/REV 1 ENTITLED SPECIAL MEASURES IN FAVOR  
OF THE LEAST-DEVELOPED AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY  
CONSENSUS. RESOLUTION A/C.2/32/L.83 ENTITLED SPECIFIC  
ACTION RELATED TO THE PARTICULAR NEEDS OF THE LAND-LOCKED  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS ADOPTED BY VOTE OF YES-101, NO-0,  
AND ABSTENTIONS-14 (US) AFTER HAVING BEEN AMENDED BY  
VOTE.V PARAGRAPHS WHICH REFERRED TO "RIGHT OF FREE ACCESS  
TO THE SEA" WERE ALSO VOTED ON AND APPROVED, WITH MOST COUN-  
TRIES ABSTAINING. U.S. AND EC-9 CHANGED VOTES ON  
RESOLUTION IN PLENARY TO "YES". END SUMMARY.  
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2. AGREEMENTS REACHED IN CONTACT GROUP ON A/C.2/32/L.82  
WERE REFLECTED IN A/C.2/32/L.82/REV 1. SPECIFICALLY,  
THE WORD "PRIORITY" IN TITLE WAS CHANGED TO "SPECIAL";  
IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3, "ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS"  
WAS CHANGED TO "APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS";  
AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5 WAS AMENDED TO READ: "TAKES

NOTE THAT THE ALLOCATION OF \$ U.S. 1 BILLION TO THE SPECIAL ACTION PROGRAMME PLEDGED BY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AT THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN PARIS WILL BE USED TO HELP MEET THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR THE LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND OTHER COUNTRIES MOST IN NEED" -- LANGUAGE TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM CIEC (A/31/478/ADD 1, PAGE 122). THIS LANGUAGE PROVED PROBLEMATIC, PARTICULARLY TO THE EGYPTIANS WHO FEARED THAT "COUNTRIES MOST IN NEED" MIGHT IMPLY A NEW CATEGORY OF COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE. UK DELEGATE SUGGESTED ADDING THE REST OF CIEC SENTENCE IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE PHRASE. IT WAS FINALLY AGREED TO BEGIN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5 WITH "TAKES NOTE OF THE ALLOCATION..." AND TO END IT AT WORDS "...CIEC IN PARIS." THIS WAS ACCEPTED BY CO-SPONSORS, AND RESOLUTION PASSED BY CONSENSUS.

3. RESOLUTION A/C.2/32/L.83 ON SPECIFIC ACTION FOR LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS ADOPTED BY VOTE WITH U.S. ABSTAINING. RESOLUTION WAS AMENDED ORALLY BY CO-SPONSORS SO THAT ALL REFERENCES TO SPECIAL MEASURES AND SPECIFIC MEASURES READ "SPECIFIC ACTION" INSTEAD. IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 "TO ACCORD" WAS CHANGED TO "TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCORDING." BOLIVIA, SINGAPORE, LESOTHO, AND ZAMBIA JOINED AS CO-SPONSORS OF THE RESOLUTION.

4. FOLLOWING THIS, PAKISTANI REPRESENTATIVE CITED PROBLEMATIC

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LEMS WITH REFERENCES IN PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 7 AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 TO "RIGHT OF FREE ACCESS TO AND FROM THE SEA" AND "RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF TRANSIT" AND CALLED FOR SEPARATE VOTES ON THE TWO PARAGRAPHS. PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 7 WAS RETAINED IN VOTE, 40 (U.S.) - 2 -69. FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH WAS ALSO RETAINED IN VOTE 41(U.S.) - 4 -66. ON BOTH VOTES EC-9 ABSTAINED. U.S. FAVORED RETAINING REFERENCES ON RIGHT OF FREE ACCESS TO SEA.

5. ARGENTINA REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED THAT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 BE AMENDED TO DELETE WORDS "TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCORDING PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO THE TRADE OF LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND." THIS WAS ADOPTED BY VOTE

39 - 15 -56 (U.S. ABSTAINED).

6. RESOLUTION AS AMENDED WAS ADOPTED BY VOTE 101 - 0 - 14. ABSTAINING WERE IRELAND, LUXEMBOURG, HONDURAS, PAKISTAN. U.S., BURMA, INDIA, ITALY, IVORY COAST, FRG, UK, BELGIUM, COLOMBIA, AND LIBYA.

7. PRIOR TO ACTION IN PLENARY, MISSOFF WAS INFORMED BY UK DELE-

GATE THAT EC-9 MEMBERS COUNTRIES ABSTAINING (I.E., ALL OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ABATAINING) WOULD CHANGED THEIR VOTES TO "YES," ON BASIS OF THE AMENDNENTS MADE. IN FOLLOW-UP TO REF A, U.S. DID LIKEWISE. RESOLUTION PASSED IN PLENARY BY VOTE OF 129-0-10 (ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONCERNED WITH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH ONE).

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